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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 08/599,226
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Inventors: Jochen G. Salfeld et al.
Filed: February 9, 1996
Our Reference: BBI-043

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Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action (Paper No.15) dated April 2, 1997, setting forth a restriction requirement.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 1-23 and 44-46 (drawn to antibodies which specifically bind to human TNF α and pharmaceutical compositions containing such antibodies, classified in Class 530, subclass 388.23 and Class 514, subclass 8).

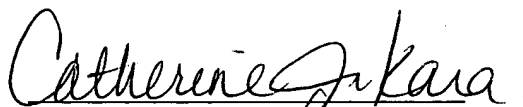
II. Claims 24-43 (drawn to DNA encoding antibodies, vectors, transformed host cells, and methods of making, classified in Class 435, subclasses 69.1, 91, 252.3, and 320 and Class 536, subclass 23.53).

III. Claims 47-64 (drawn to a method of treating diseases associated with human TNF α , classified in Class 424, subclass 130.1).

Applicants hereby elect the Group I invention (claims 1-23 and 44-46) for prosecution, without traverse.

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Agent would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' Agent at (617) 227-7400.

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